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ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: SMD-29**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application)	Examiner: C. Anderson
Peterson, et al.)	
Serial No.: 08/815,434)	Art Unit: 3735
Filed: March 11, 1997)	Dept. Acct. No.: 04-1403
Title: Smoking Article)	
Wrapper for)	
Controlling Ignition)	
Proclivity of a)	
Smoking Article)	
Without Affecting)	
Smoking)	
Characteristics)	

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C.

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 6, 1998, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7, 13, 21 and 27.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23 and 26 as follows:

1. (Amended) A smoking article comprising a tobacco column, and a wrapper surrounding said tobacco column, said smoking article having a first end, a second end, and a longitudinal axis extending from said first end to said second end, said wrapper comprising discrete areas of reduced permeability for improving ignition proclivity characteristics of said smoking article, said discrete areas of reduced permeability

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